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Sir:

Applicant submits herewith a Form PTO-1449, and copies of the documents listed thereon. An english translation of the text of each document is also attached.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after allowance and after payment of the issue fee, and is filed in conjunction with an RCE and a Petition For Withdrawal From Issue Under 37 CFR1.313(c). Consideration of the submitted documents is hereby petitioned as they may be considered material to examination of the application. The undersigned Counsel hereby certifies that no document submitted

herewith was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to his knowledge after making a reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in section 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the date hereof. (The documents first came to the attention of the assignee after September 19, 2003, and came to the attention of U.S. counsel on October 1, 2003.)

DE-A-4432081 discloses two absorbers, namely carbon black and nigrosine. Nigrosine is a black/dark blue dye and thus is highly visible similarly to carbon black. This can be contrasted with Applicant's independent claim 10 which recites the use of a radiation absorbing dye which is visually transmissive after welding. Similar prior art, e.g. Wood (WO 98/02294), is already of record.

EP 0126787A also does not disclose absorbing materials which are visually transmissive in accordance with the requirements of claim 10. The additives include carbon black, metal flakes, TiO_2 white, Al_2O_3 white and CaCO_3 white as well as SiO_2 .

A fee of \$130 is paid herewith by check pursuant to Rule 97(d) and Rule 17(i). If any further fees are necessary in conjunction with this Information Disclosure Statement, they can be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 14-1435.

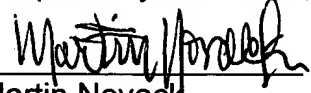
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